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## St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update  
of Current Events  
and Happenings  
within St. Lucie**

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### **Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled**

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on the Reserve on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Geoplasma Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3 of the Roger Poitras Administration Annex.
- Party in the Park will be held Saturday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Fort Pierce Inlet State Park on North Hutchinson Island.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Joint Meeting/Workshop with the City of Port St. Lucie on Monday, Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. until noon at Tradition Town Hall.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Cloud Grove on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Space Needs Study Final Presentation on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Strategic Planning Workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Indian River Community College Kight Center, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce.

### **St. Lucie County Fair Scheduled**

The 42nd Annual St. Lucie County Fair will begin on Friday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, March 4 the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, 15601 West Midway Road, Fort Pierce. For more information visit: [www.stluciecountyfair.org](http://www.stluciecountyfair.org).

### **New York Mets Spring Training**

The opening day for Spring Training home games for the New York Mets at the Tradition Field will be Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 1:10 p.m. versus the Detroit Tigers. For more information visit: [www.traditionfield.com](http://www.traditionfield.com).

### **Paleo Preserve Camp Program**

Do you enjoy the outdoors and want to spend more time there? St. Lucie County's Environmental Resources Department is seeking responsible individuals for the "Work Kamper" program. An opening currently exists at the Paleo Hammock Preserve located off Carlton Road in western St. Lucie County. Though the position is non-paid, in exchange for 20 hours of work per week, the camper is provided free electric, water and sewer hookups for a period between 6 - 12 months. "Work Kampers" must supply their own recreational vehicle. The "Work Kamper" provides valuable assistance to the Environmental Lands Program in several ways including opening and closing gates, patrolling and maintenance duties. All applicants must meet stringent law enforcement background checks that include no wildlife violations. Those interested in becoming a "Work Kamper" should submit a photo of your recreational vehicle and a completed St. Lucie County Employee Application and/or resume to: Steve Fousek, Environmental Resources Department at (772) 462-2525. To find out more about the Environmental Resource Department and nature sites visit [www.stlucieoco.gov/erd](http://www.stlucieoco.gov/erd).

### Upcoming Events from Environmental Resources

**Wildlife Walk at Pinelands** ~ Saturday, Jan. 20 from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Take a morning walk amongst armadillos, otter, deer, and other wildlife. This one-mile stroll will take you through flatwoods, hammocks, and along marshes.

**Sweetwater Hammock Botanical Walk** ~ Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. A short morning walk awaits you through an oak hammock bordering the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. This hidden natural area is sandwiched between neighborhoods and busy streets, waiting to be enjoyed.

Anyone wishing to participate needs to register at least one day in advance. Programs are free, but limited to the first 15 participants. To register or for more information, please call (772) 462-2526 or visit [www.stlucieco.gov/erd](http://www.stlucieco.gov/erd).

### Clydesdales to Make Special Appearance

The Budweiser Clydesdales are scheduled to make a special appearance on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds' Equestrian & Event Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors can purchase a keepsake photograph with the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales for \$1 with all proceeds going to the Exchange Club C.A.S.T.L.E. Admission and parking for this event is free. For more information contact (772) 462-2581 or visit [www.stluciefairgrounds.com](http://www.stluciefairgrounds.com).

### Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

**St. Lucie Regional Herp Society** ~ Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to attend this free event and learn more about snakes, lizards, frogs and other reptiles.

**"Birding for Beginners" Classes** ~ Tuesday, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 6 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Join a St. Lucie Audubon and the Oxbow for this 3-part series to learn more about our feathered friends. The fee is \$30 per person. For more information, please call (772) 785-5842.

**Guided Hikes** ~ Every Saturday at 10 a.m. Join an Oxbow naturalist as they lead visitors along a series of trails, discussing the plants and wildlife that live in the different habitats along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. For more information about all Oxbow Eco-Center events call the staff at (772) 785-5833 or visit [www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow](http://www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow).

### Fort Pierce Library Events

**Movies for Adults** ~ Every Monday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

**Redirecting Children's Behavior Seminar** ~ Every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

**Interactive Nature Series with Captain Chop Lege** ~ Every Thursday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

**Walk and Talk Tour of Bear Point Sanctuary or Vitolo Family Park with Captain Chop Lege** ~ Every Friday from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

**Great Expectations Book Club** ~ Every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon.

**Financial Budgeting and Credit Card Management Seminar** ~ Tuesday, Jan. 16 and Jan. 30 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Presented by the St. Lucie County Agricultural Extension. For more information, please call Carol Alberts at (772) 462-1660.

**Affordable Housing Seminar** ~ Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Presented by the St. Lucie County Growth Management. For more information, please call J.P. Gellermann at (772) 462-1660.

The Fort Pierce Library is located at 101 melody Lane, Fort Pierce. These programs are free and open to the public. Reservations may be required, as space is limited. For more information, visit [www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us](http://www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us) or call (772) 462-1615.

### Upcoming Events at the Historical Museum

**Boy Scout Day** ~ Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Activities can be used for rank and electives, achievements, and merit badges. Cost is \$5 per scout and \$2.50 per chaperone. For information call (772) 462-1891.

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